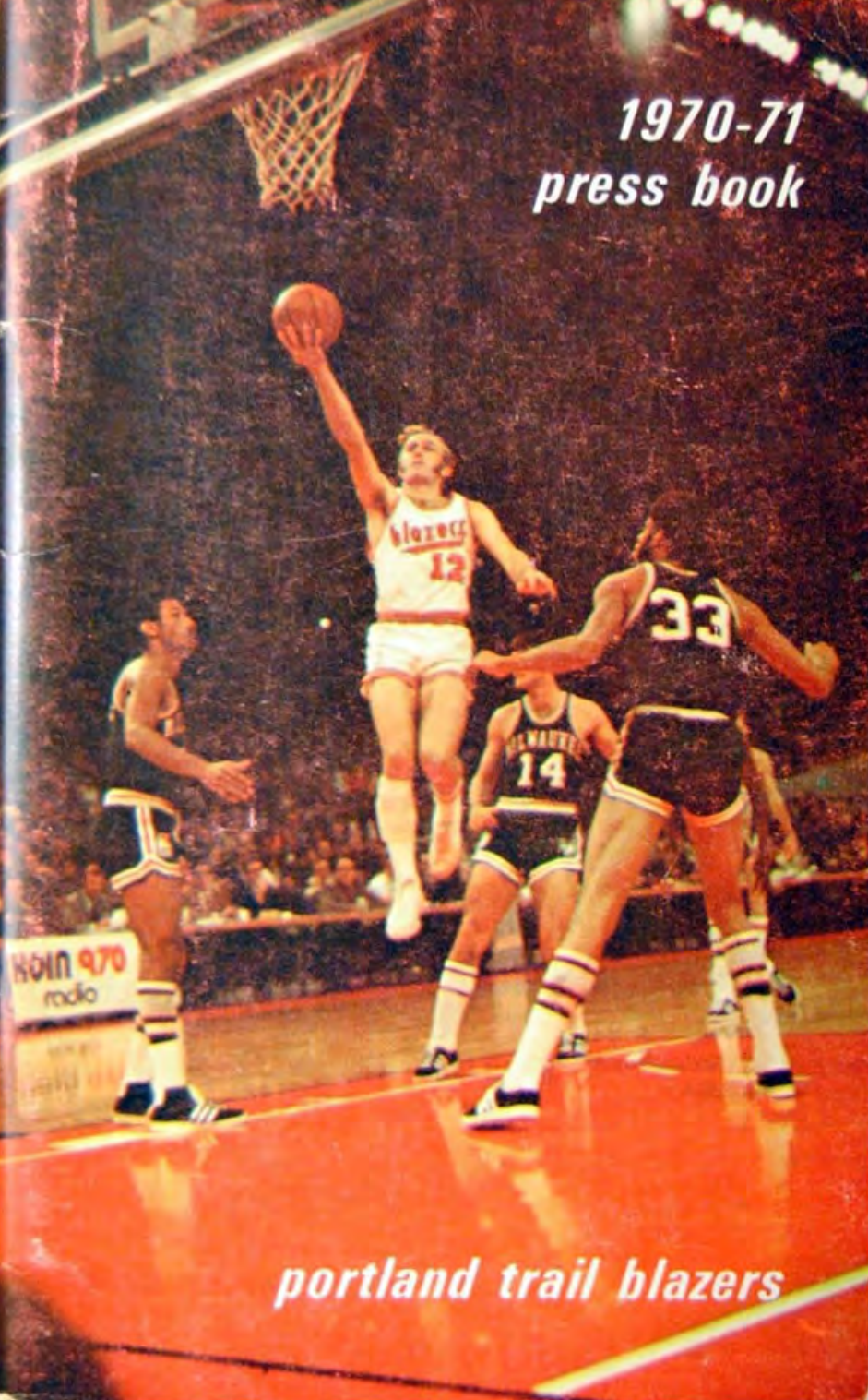
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PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS
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Foreward

The major league era begins in the state of Oregon with the participation in the 1970-71 season of the Portland Trail Blazers in National Basketball Association action.

The Trail Blazers are the first major league team to represent the state of Oregon.

We expect no immediate championships but we promise fans of the National Basketball Association an exciting brand of play.

And we hope that before too many years the Portland Trail Blazers will be contending for the world championship.

Sincerely,

Herman Sarkowsky
President
Portland Trail Blazers

Pre-Season Record (Final) Won 3, Lost 5)

DATE	WHERE	RESULTS	
9-24	Longview	San Francisco ..119	Portland 118
9-26	Roseburg	Portland 116	San Francisco ..113
9-27	Albany	San Francisco ..114	Portland 96
9-30	Chehalis	Seattle 144	Portland 126
10-2	Portland	Los Angeles ...154	Portland 118
10-3	Seattle	Portland 127	San Diego 112
10-4	Portland	Portland 122	Seattle 108
10-12	Las Vegas	Phoenix 124	Portland 114

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS

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Vice President	Robert Schmertz
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Assistant Secretary and Treasurer	Morris J. Galen
Business Manager	George Rickles
Director of Player Personnel	Stuart K. Inman
Coach	Rolland Todd
Publicity Director	John White
Radio Announcer	Bill Schonely
Director of Promotions & Group Sales	Dan Trutanich
Trainer	Leo Marty
Team Physician	Dr. Frank B. Smith
Team Dentist	Dr. Larry Mudrick
Office Secretaries	Mrs. Cheryl Palmer, Peggy Pomerene
Ticket Sales	Mrs. Edith Salkeld, Mrs. Meredith Wayt
Colors	Red, Black and White
Home Court	Memorial Coliseum (capacity 13,000)
Ticket Prices	$5.00, $4.00, $3.50, $3.00
Radio	KOIN (970) Bill Schonely
Television	KPTV (Ch. 12) Jimmy Jones
Game Times	Monday-Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m. at 7 p.m. Double-headers, 6:30 p.m.

TRAIL BLAZERS ON TELEVISION

KPTV — Channel 12

Broadcaster — Jimmy Jones

Seattle	Friday, October 23
Phoenix	Wednesday, November 11
Buffalo	Saturday, November 21
Los Angeles	Sunday, December 6
San Diego	Saturday, December 19
Seattle	Friday, January 1
Chicago	Tuesday, January 19
Los Angeles	Sunday, January 31
Cincinnati	Tuesday, February 16 (Eugene, Oregon)
Atlanta	Wednesday, February 24

TRAIL BLAZERS ON RADIO

All Portland Trail Blazers' games — home and road — are broadcast on KOIN, 970 on the dial, with Bill Schonely handling play-by-play.

TRAIL BLAZERS' TICKET OUTLETS

Memorial Coliseum — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, except closed Sunday if no event.

Meier & Frank's Downtown Store — 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, except Sunday.

Stevens & Son Jewelry in the Lloyd Center — 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; closed Sunday.

You may charge Trail Blazers' Tickets
on your BankAmericard.

OREGON GOES MAJOR LEAGUE WITH NBA

Meet the men who brought the major leagues—the National Basketball Association—to Portland.

Herman Sarkowsky is president of United Homes, largest home builder in Oregon, and is president of the Trail Blazers.

Robert Shmertz is president of Leisure Technology Corporation in Lakewood, N. J., and is vice president of Oregon's new big league team.

Lawrence Weinberg of Beverly Hills, Calif., is president of Larwin Group Companies and is treasurer of the basketball club.

And Harry Glickman, president of the Portland Hockey Club and Oregon Sports Attractions, is evecutive vice president of the Trail Blazers.

These are the men who made Oregon's major league dreams come true.

Sarkowsky, Shmertz and Weinberg are the major owners of the club. Glickman is the guiding force in the operation, the man who went after the franchise and got it.

Strangely, perhaps, the story of the Portland Trail Blazers actually dates back to the middle and late 50's when Glickman, a young sports promoter, went looking for an NBA entry for Portland.

Wildly, he wound up instead with a hockey team, the Portland Buckaroos of the Western League, and he proceeded in the decade of the '60s to write the most successful minor league sports story of the post-World War II period.

But Glickman never forgot the NBA. And about two years ago he started laying the groundwork to renew his efforts for a basketball franchise.

By January of 1970, Glickman had arranged financing to purchase a franchise.

Then, in a league meeting in Philadelphia, there was disappointment. The National Basketball Association raised the ante. And there were changes in the ground rules that had not been anticipated.

The proposals were not acceptable and the plans for financing, as originally outlined, were shelved.

Enter Mr. Sarkowsky, Mr. Shmertz and Mr. Weinberg. Suddenly a new bid, a new set of ground rules.

And suddenly the dream came true.

It was late in the afternoon of February 6, 1970, when the decision was announced at a league meeting in Los Angeles.

The National Basketball Association was accepting Portland.

"I feel," said the excited Glickman, "as if I just had a baby."

HARRY GLICKMAN

The executive vice president and guiding force of the Portland Trail Blazers is Harry Glickman.

A native of Portland, Glickman played varsity basketball in high school before attending the University of Oregon. His college education was interrupted for three years of service in Europe as a sergeant with an armored infantry battalion.

He was graduated in 1948 from Oregon, where he served as athletic publicity director and edited the Alumni magazine. He then was a free-lance writer and a press agent until 1952 when he founded Oregon Sports Attractions.

As president of Oregon Sports Attractions he promoted professional football, the Harlem Globetrotters, professional boxing, closed-circuit telecasts of championship fights.

He has been best known in recent years as president of the Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey League. His teams finished first seven times and second three times in the last 10 years.

Glickman lives in Portland with his wife, Joanne, and their two daughters, Lynn and Jennifer, and a son, Marshall. During his few leisure hours he enjoys golf and fishing.

COACH — ROLLAND TODD

Making his bow as a coach in the National Basketball Association this season is Rolland Todd, skipper of the Portland Trail Blazers.

Todd is relatively unkown, especially in the East, but brings an impressive record to the Trail Blazers. In his last five seasons at University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Todd coached his club to 96 victories and only 40 defeats.

In naming Todd as coach, Executive Vice President Harry Glickman said, "Todd has the best knowledge of the National Basketball Association of any college coach we interviewed."

Glickman added:

"Todd impressed me more than anyone else with his excitement and enthusiasm about taking the job. He started the Nevada Southern program virtually from scratch, the same as he will be doing here. And he has the reputation of coaching one of the best fast breaks in basketball."

Todd said he is "absolutely delighted" with his new position and is very pleased with Portland's collegiate draft choices.

Todd, 36, is a native of Porterville, Calif., and played his high school basketball at Strathmore, Calif. He then played one season at Sequoia Junior College, one year at Fresno State, served two years in the army and then returned for two final seasons at Fresno State where he was graduated in 1958.

At Fresno State, the 6-3 Todd was the team's top scorer as a sophomore, was second to Gary Alcorn as a junior and senior and was team captain his last two seasons.

In 1959 and 1960 Todd played with Seattle's Buchan Bakers in the only National Industrial Basketball League, won AAU All American honors in 1960 and participated in the U. S. Olympic Games trials. In the 1960 national AAU tournament he was Seattle's top scorer in an upset of defending champion Wichita, a team led by former Oregon State All American Wade (Swede) Halbrook.

Todd tried out with the St. Louis Hawks in 1960, did not make the club and returned to teach in high school in Seattle where for two years he had done graduate work at the University of Washington.

In 1961-62 Todd played with San Francisco in the old American Basketball League and in 1962-63 he played with Oakland in the same professional circuit until it folded in mid-season.

Todd then was an assistant coach at Riverside College for one year and an assistant at California State in Los Angeles for one year before moving to Nevada Southern for his first season as head coach in 1965-66.

STU INMAN

The man with one of the toughest immediate jobs in the Portland Trail Blazers' organization was Stuart K. Inman, director of player personnel.

It was Inman who was charged with putting together both Portland's first collegiate draft and the expansion professional draft on extremely short notice.

The management of the Trail Blazers believe that Inman did an excellent job.

"We drafted for youth, intelligence and quickness," says Inman, "and we hope we have the type of players who will still be with our club in six or seven years."

Inman has a wide background in basketball.

He still ranks as the all-time scoring champion of San Jose State, where he was graduated in 1950, and he is a member of that school's Sports Hall of Fame.

He coached at San Jose State from 1957 through 1966. And he has directed basketball clinics virtually all over the world.

Business Manager of the Portland Trail Blazers is George Rickles.

Rickles is a University of Washington graduate who for 11 years has supervised ticket operations of the Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey League.

He still doubles in this capacity, in addition to his duties with the Trail Blazers. Rickles is noted as a master of ceremonies who kept hockey banquets alive even after tough defeats.

Rickles and his wife, Shirley, are parents of three sons, Norm, Steve and Jery.

Publicity director of the Portland Trail Blazers is John White, who serves in the same capacity for the Portland Buckaroos of the Western Hockey League.

A 15-year newspaper reporter and former executive sports editor of Portland's Oregon Journal, White served 16 years as Sports Illustrated correspondent in Oregon, four years as Time magazine correspondent and four years as Fortune magazine correspondent.

He has written for a number of national magazines.

BILL SCHONELY

Voice of the Portland Trail Blazers in their first season in the National Basketball Association is veteran sportcaster Bill Schonely.

Schonely, sports director for KVI radio in Seattle for the past seven years, brings to Portland major league experience in two sports.

He announced action last winter for the Oakland Seals of the National Hockey League and for the ill-fated Seattle Pilots of the American Baseball League.

An announcer since his discharge from the United States Marine Corps in 1953, Schonely's background in radio includes broadcasts of basketball, football, baseball, hockey, wrestling, track and field, auto racing and hydroplane racing.

He covered virtually all sports at the University of Washington.

"We think our fans will find Schonely one of the most colorful broadcasters in professional sports," says Executive Vice President Harry Glickman of the Trail Blazers.

DAN TRUTANICH

Director of promotions for the Portland Trail Blazers is Dan Trutanich.

Trutanich, 26, holds a master's degree from San Jose State and also attended the University of Hawaii.

Trutanich is in charge of such activities as group ticket sales and halftime entertainment.

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS' ROSTER

No.	Name	Birthdate	Hgt.	Wgt.	Alma Mater	
12	Rick Adelman	6-16-46	6:02	185	Loyola (LA)	'68
15	Claude English	12-26-46	6:04	190	Rhode Island	'70
25	LeRoy Ellis	3-10-40	6:11	225	St. John's	'62
33	Jim Barnett	7- 7-44	6:04	170	Oregon	'66
35	Ed Manning	1- 2-44	6:07	210	Jackson State	'67
38	Ron Knight	8- 4-47	6:07	220	Los Angeles St.	'70
40	Stan McKenzie	10- 6-44	6:05	210	NYU	'66
44	Gary Gregor	8-13-45	6:07	230	South Carolina	'68
11	Shaler Halimon	3-30-45	6:06	200	Utah State	'68
45	Geoffrey Petrie	4-17-48	6:04	195	Princeton	'70
48	Walt Gilmore	2-22-47	6:06	225	Ft. Valley State	'70
54	Dale Schlueter	11-12-45	6:10	230	Colorado State	'67

Portland Trail Blazers Scoring

Eight Pre-Season Games (Final)

Player	*GP*	*FGM*	*FGA*	*Pct.*	*FTM*	*FTA*	*Pct.*	*Reb.*	*Ast.*	*Pf.*	*Pts.*	*Avg.*
Barnett	8	60	138	.434	47	53	.887	37	39	24	167	20.9
Petrie	8	72	151	.477	17	23	.739	10	27	26	161	20.1
Ellis	8	57	134	.425	16	23	.696	107	12	28	130	16.3
McKenzie	8	39	76	.513	45	52	.865	26	18	21	123	15.4
Adelman	7	24	62	.387	28	36	.777	16	28	22	79	11.3
Manning	8	32	79	.405	7	9	.778	77	11	26	71	8.9
Gregor	6	27	82	.329	11	15	.733	68	10	17	65	10.8
Knight	8	24	61	.393	7	11	.636	37	14	25	55	6.9
Murrey	6	6	15	.400	4	9	.444	10	1	14	16	2.7
Schlueter	7	4	17	.235	3	4	.750	25	5	16	11	1.6
English	5	3	8	.375	0	0	.000	2	1	5	6	1.2
Gilmore	4	1	3	.333	3	7	.429	14	2	6	5	1.3

Trail Blazers' 1970 Expansion Draft

*Rick Adelman	San Diego
*Jim Barnett	San Diego
Jerry Chambers	Phoenix
*LeRoy Ellis	Baltimore
Fred Hetzel	Philadelphia
Joe Kennedy	Seattle
*Ed Manning	Chicago
*Stan McKenzie	Phoenix
Dorie Murrey	Seattle
Pat Riley	San Diego
*Dale Schlueter	San Francisco

*Remained with team

Trail Blazers' 1970 College Draft

No.	Player	School
1.	Geoffrey Petrie*	Princeton
2.	Walt Gilmore*	Ft. Valley State
3.	Bill Cain	Iowa State
4.	Jim Penix	Bowling Green
5.	Ron Knight*	Los Angeles State
6.	George Janky	Dayton
7.	Claude English*	Rhode Island
8.	Doug Boyd	Texas Christian
9.	Billy Gaskins	Oregon
10.	Israel Oliver	Elizabeth City

*Remained with team

1969-70 NBA Records of Trail Blazers

	GP	Min.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	FTM	FTA	Pct.	RB	AST	PF	Pts.	Ave.
Barnett	80	2105	450	998	.451	289	366	.790	305	287	222	1189	14.9
Gregor	81	1603	286	661	.433	88	113	.779	379	63	159	660	8.1
Adelman	35	717	96	247	.389	68	91	.747	81	113	90	260	7.4
Ellis	72	1163	194	414	.469	86	116	.714	376	47	129	474	6.6
Halimon	38	517	96	244	.393	49	73	.671	68	69	58	241	6.3
Manning	67	777	119	321	.371	42	56	.750	232	36	122	280	4.2
McKenzie	58	525	81	206	.393	58	73	.795	93	52	67	220	3.8
Schlueter	63	685	82	167	.491	60	97	.619	231	25	108	224	3.6

Single-Game NBA Highs Through 1969-70

	FGM	FGA	FTM	FTA	REB	Asst.	Points
Adelman	10	20	7	11	12	10	23
Barnett	18	29	12	13	12	10	42
Ellis	14	28	13	16	23	8	32
Gregor	13	30	5	7	19	6	28
Halimon	11	17	6	8	9	6	23
Manning	9	17	4	7	21	4	19
McKenzie	9	18	13	17	13	8	28
Schlueter	7	19	6	9	22	5	18

Trail Blazers' Rankings in 1969-70 NBA

Points	
Barnett	1189
Gregor	660
Ellis	474
Manning	280
Adelmann	260
Halimon	241
Schlueter	224
McKenzie	220

Games Played	
Gregor	81
Barnett	80
Ellis	72
Manning	67
Schlueter	63
McKenzie	58
Halimon	38
Adelman	35

Scoring Average	
Barnett	14.9
Gregor	8.1
Adelman	7.4
Ellis	6.6
Halimon	6.3
Manning	4.2
McKenzie	3.8
Schlueter	3.6

Minutes Played	
Barnett	2105
Gregor	1603
Ellis	1163
Manning	777
Adelman	717
Schlueter	685
McKenzie	525
Halimon	517

Trail Blazers' Rankings in 1969-70 NBA

Field Goal Shooting	
Schlueter	.491
Ellis	.469
Barnett	.451
Gregor	.433
Halimon	.393
McKenzie	.393
Adelman	.389
Manning	.371

Assists	
Barnett	287
Adelman	113
Halimon	69
Gregor	63
McKenzie	52
Ellis	47
Manning	36
Schlueter	25

Free Throw Shooting	
McKenzie	.795
Barnett	.790
Gregor	.779
Manning	.750
Adelman	.747
Ellis	.741
Halimon	.671
Schlueter	.619

Rebounds	
Gregor	397
Ellis	376
Barnett	305
Manning	232
Schlueter	231
McKenzie	93
Adelman	81
Halimon	68

RICK ADELMAN

Guard No. 12

Born June 16, 1946 6-1 178 Loyola (Los Angeles) '68

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'68-69	SD	77	1448	449	177	.394	204	131	.642	216	238	485	6.3
'69-70	SD	35	717	247	96	.389	91	68	.747	81	113	260	7.4
TOTALS		112	2165	696	273	.392	295	199	.677	297	351	745	6.4

PLAYOFFS

'68-69	SD	6	187	53	24	.453	37	22	.595	15	29	70	11.0

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY RECORD

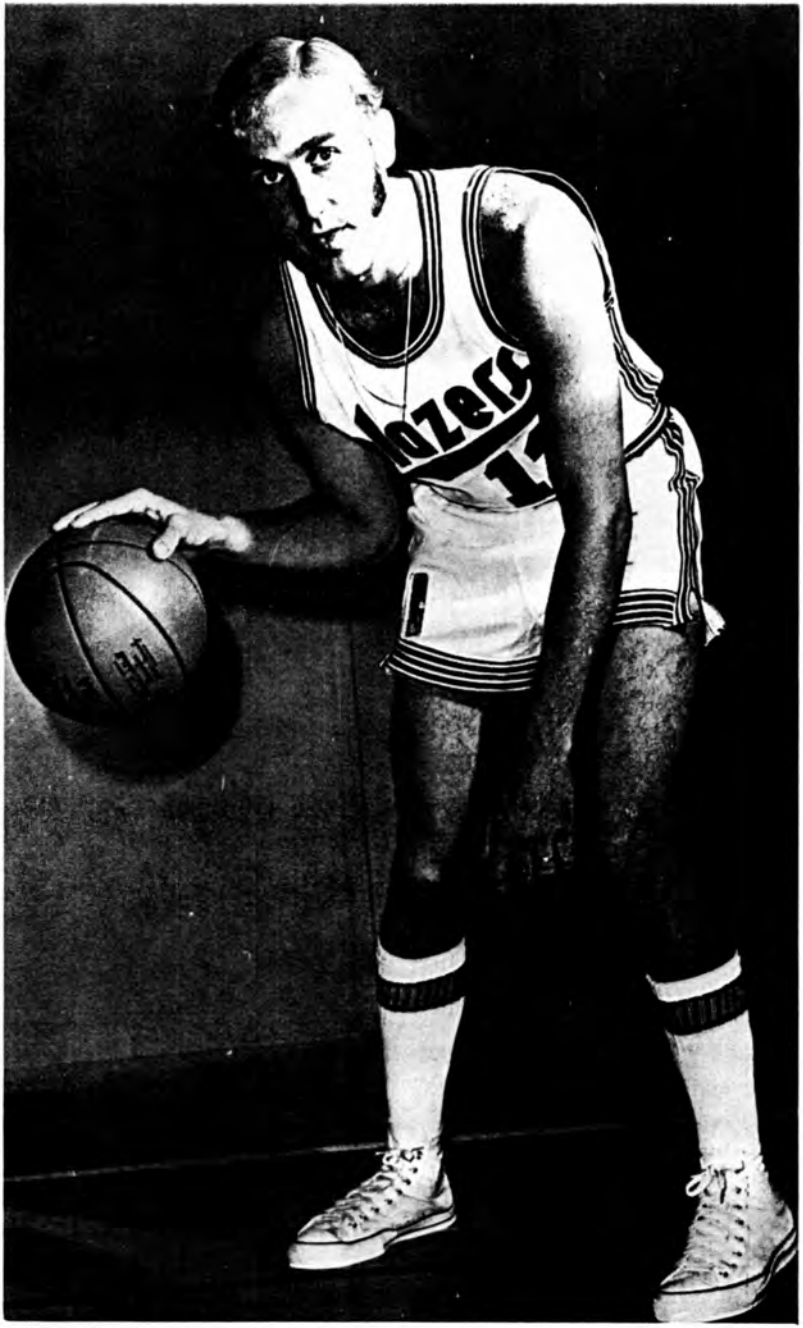
SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
'65-66	26	376	149	.396	152	119	.783	113	85	417	16.0
'66-67	25	349	151	.432	214	171	.797	124	58	473	18.9
'67-68	25	420	177	.421	216	171	.791	127	77	525	21.0
TOTALS	76	1145	477	.416	582	461	.792	364	220	1415	18.6

NOTES

Professional Career — Single-game career high in NBA regular-season play is 23 points, scored in March of 1969 against Phoenix and again in November of 1969 against Boston . . . career high for an NBA playoff game is 26 points scored in 1969 against Atlanta . . . with San Diego last season he averaged 6.5 points a game in October, then scored 133 points in 14 games in November for 9.5 average before missing most of the rest of the season with hip and groin injuries . . . averaged in double figures last season with San Diego with 141 points in his last 11 games for a 12.8 average . . . was best as rookie against Phoenix with 11.6 average.

College Career — With 1,415 points, Adelman is the all-time scoring leader of Loyola University in Los Angeles . . . he was the team's top scorer in both his junior and senior seasons and won first All Star honors in both '67 and '68 in the West Coast Athletic Conference.

Says Coach Rolland Todd: "Rick plays with great intelligence. He sees everyone on the fast break. And he's the kind of guy who is not afraid to skin a knee here or there."



JIM BARNETT

Guard No. 33

Born July 7, 1944 6-4 180 Oregon '66

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'66-67	Bost.	48	383	211	78	.370	62	42	.677	53	41	198	4.1
'67-68	SD	47	1068	456	179	.393	118	84	.712	155	134	442	9.4
'68-69	SD	80	2346	1093	465	.425	310	233	.752	362	339	1163	14.6
'69-70	SD	80	2105	998	450	.451	366	289	.790	305	287	1189	14.9
TOTALS		255	5902	2758	1172	.425	856	648	.757	875	801	2992	11.7

PLAYOFFS

'66-67	Bost.	5	26	21	6	.286	2	2	1.000	3	1	14	2.8
'68-69	SD	6	51	23	9	.391	8	7	.875	3	7	25	4.2
TOTALS		11	77	44	15	.341	10	9	.900	7	8	39	3.6

U. OF OREGON RECORD

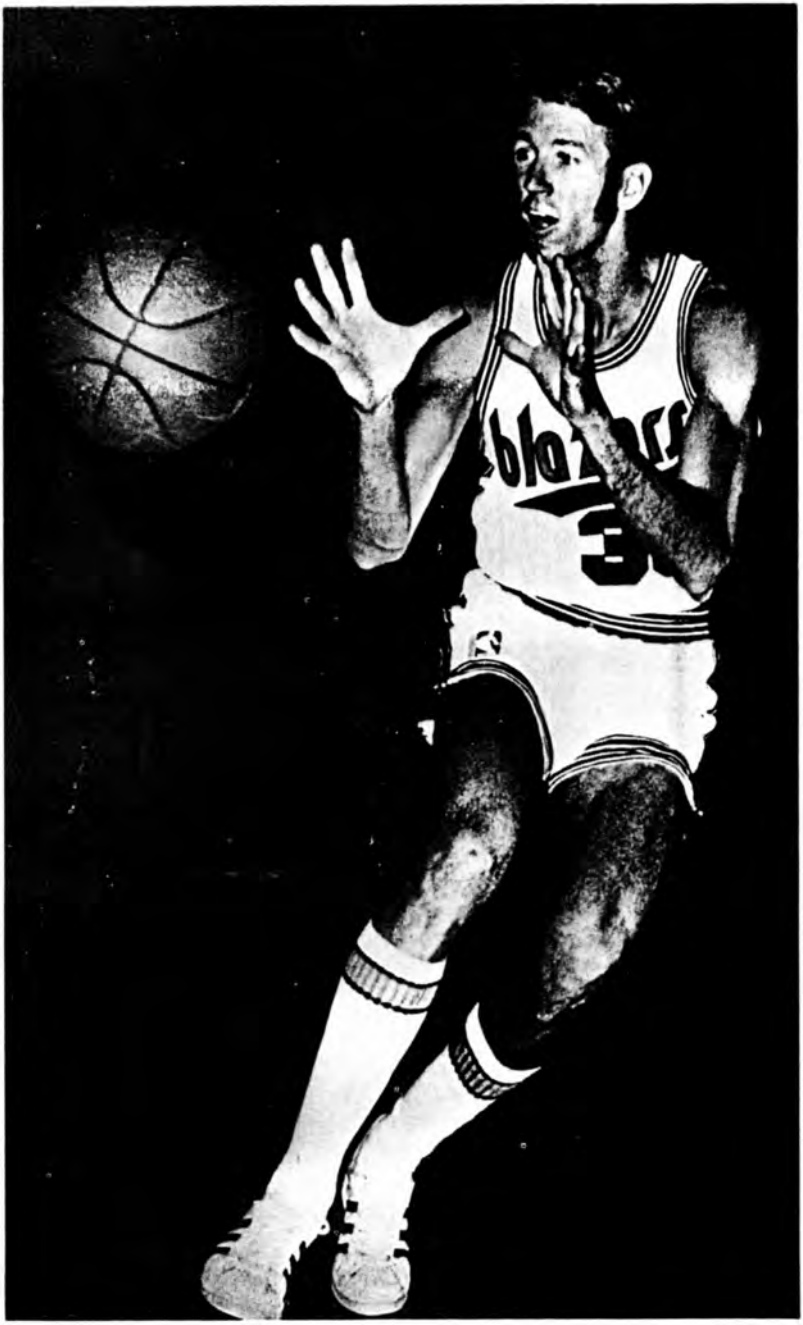
SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
'63-64	26	307	137	.446	162	114	.704	164	58	388	14.9
'64-65	26	420	175	.416	184	144	.793	170	69	494	19.0
'65-66	23	371	152	.409	177	139	.785	142	69	443	19.3
TOTALS	75	1098	464	.423	523	397	.759	476	196	1325	17.7

NOTES

Professional Career — No. 1 college draft choice of Boston in 1966 . . . obtained by San Diego in expansion draft in 1967 . . . scored NBA career high of 42 points against Seattle in February of 1970 . . . averaged 14.9 points a game last season, best NBA record of any Trail Blazer . . . scored in bursts . . . 125 points in five straight games in November . . . 87 in four straight games in December . . . 116 points in five straight games in late January and early February . . . scored 20 or more points in 22 games last season . . . in 33 other games he scored between 10 and 19 points . . . has improved his field goal and free throw shooting percentages in each successive NBA season.

College Career — Oregon's all-time scoring champion with 1,325 points in 75 games for a 17.7 average . . . averaged 19 points a game as a junior and 19.3 as a senior . . . won All American honors as senior and in 1966 East-West All Star game scored 19 points to tie for top honors on Western squad.

Says Coach Rolland Todd: "Great enthusiasm . . . great quickness . . . a pro shooter. He has always checked the Wests, the Fraziers, the Robertsons."



LeROY ELLIS

Center No. 25

Born March 10, 1940 6-11 210 St. John's '62

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'62-63	LA	80	1628	530	222	.419	202	133	.658	518	46	577	7.2
'63-64	LA	78	1459	473	200	.423	170	112	.659	498	41	512	6.6
'64-65	LA	80	2026	700	311	.444	284	198	.697	652	49	820	10.3
'65-66	LA	80	2219	927	393	.424	256	186	.727	735	74	972	12.2
'66-67	Balt.	81	2938	1166	496	.425	286	211	.738	970	170	1203	14.9
'67-78	Balt.	78	2719	800	380	.475	286	207	.724	862	158	967	12.4
'68-69	Balt.	80	1603	527	299	.435	155	117	.755	510	73	575	7.2
'69-70	Balt.	72	1163	414	194	.469	116	86	.741	376	47	474	6.6
TOTALS		629	15755	5537	2425	.438	1755	1250	.712	5121	658	6100	9.7

PLAYOFFS

'62-63	LA	13	302	53	27	.509	33	27	.818	85	18	81	6.2
'63-64	LA	5	144	27	8	.296	15	11	.733	50	4	27	5.4
'64-65	LA	11	405	145	57	.383	65	44	.677	133	7	158	14.4
'65-66	LA	14	426	138	56	.406	39	25	.641	133	8	137	9.8
'68-69	Balt.	4	67	16	8	.500	5	3	.600	18	2	19	4.8
'69-70	Balt.	3	8	4	0	.000	2	2	1.000	3	0	2	0.7
TOTALS		50	1352	383	156	.407	159	112	.704	422	34	424	8.5

NOTES

Professional Career — No. 1 college draft choice of Los Angeles in 1962 . . . played four seasons with Lakers . . . traded to Baltimore for Jim (Bad News) Barnes . . . last four seasons with the Bullets . . . extremely durable . . . fewest games played in season was 72 last year . . . led Baltimore in rebounding in 1966-67 with 970 for 12.0 average . . . led LA in rebounds in 1965-66 with 735 for 9.2 average . . . best scoring average was 14.9 for Baltimore in '67 . . . last year's scoring average of 6.6 misleading because of few minutes played.

College Career — Ellis led St. John's team with 18-4 record into 1962 NIT tournament . . . scored 29 points in 80-75 victory over Holy Cross . . . scored 29 more in semifinal 75-65 victory over Duquense and scored 22 (including 12 of 13 free throws) in championship game loss to Dayton.

Says Coach Rolland Todd: "One of the four or five quickest big men in the NBA. Speed is his biggest asset. He is a very young 30."

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CLAUDE ENGLISH

Guard No. 15

Born 12-26-46 6-4 180 Rhode Island '70

Senior Record at Rhode Island

GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
19	210	113	.586	75	44	.580	140	58	268	14.1

Those reading, or just sunning themselves in Portland's south Park Blocks this summer were somewhat taken aback when a young fellow in full Portland Trail Blazer uniform came running by.

It certainly wasn't basketball weather — more like a sunny afternoon at the ol' baseball park type of weather.

But here was energetic Claude English running, running, running. He was running to get a leg in shape that had been injured earlier.

In fact, English, drafted No. 7 by the Portland Trail Blazers out of Rhode Island, missed the Blazers' rookie camp held at Pacific University in Forest Grove.

But the gritty English wasn't going to let that fact diminish his chances of making the Portland club. He checked in Portland and took a room at the YMCA. In order to strengthen the leg he continually ran up the stairs at the "Y" and often, for a change of scenery and drudgery, took to running in the city's Park Blocks.

This perseverance had paid off, too, for English. He is completely recovered from the leg injury although he must wear a brace on the leg. And it hasn't seemed to hamper his jumping ability.

In one recent game, the 6-4, 180-pound English stretched his frame high above the basket to haul down a rebound away from a much taller opponent.

"This is what impressed us," says Trail Blazer director of player personnel, Stu Inman. "He's one of the quickest youngsters I've ever seen and has great jumping ability. He could prove a real sleeper."

A native of Columbus, Ga., English played junior college ball in Dallas, Texas, before moving on to Rhode Island.

At Rhode Island, English scored 268 points in his senior year for a 14.1 per game average. He also grabbed 140 rebounds. His field goal shooting percentage was a torrid .586.

WALT GILMORE

Forward No. 48

Born 2-27-47 6-6 235 Ft. Valley State '70

Diamond in the rough may be an overworked phrase but the Portland Trail Blazers certainly hope it describes rookie forward Walt Gilmore.

Gilmore, 6-6 and 235 pounds, was the second-round college draft choice of Oregon's first major league team.

And because of the haste with which Portland's draft had to be planned, Gilmore was, in a sense, somewhat of an unknown quantity.

He played his college basketball at a small school, Fort Valley State, in a tiny conference in Georgia.

Sure, his statistics were available and impressive. He averaged 23.2 points a game as a senior and over four campaigns owned a 17.6 average.

As a senior, he hit a sizzling 62.2 per cent of his shots, mostly from close-in range.

And in his final collegiate season he hauled down an average of 15.2 rebounds a game.

The statistics were impressive. But Gilmore never really had faced tough competition in college. He had not personally been scouted by Stu Inman. Was he really a top pro prospect?

Rookie camp didn't help much. Gilmore, 23, was nervous. Then he was hurt and missed the Rookie game.

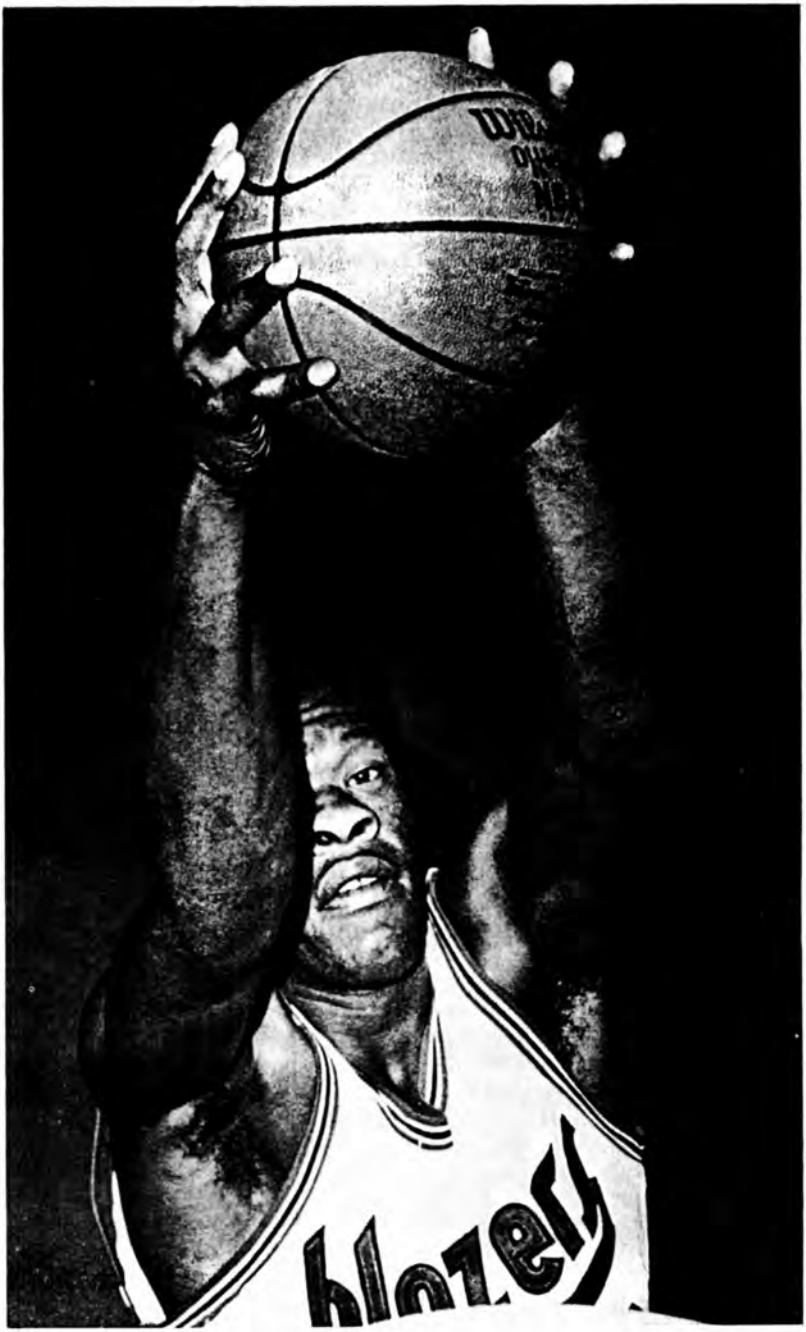
It took Gilmore time to get untracked in fall camp. But he improved, practice by practice. And in the early season he even was starting occasionally at forward for the Blazers.

When he uses it, he has tremendous strength on the board. And he can bull his way up through a crowd for a shot.

"Tough and physical," — that's the description of Walt Gilmore, by Inman.

"Physical strength and speed," is the way Coach Rolland Todd puts it.

There won't be instant stardom for Walt Gilmore. But the Trail Blazers may have a sound bet for a diamond in the rough for the future.



GARY GREGOR

Forward No. 44

Born August 13, 1945 6-7 235 South Carolina '68

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'68-69	Phoenix	80	2182	963	400	.415	131	85	.648	711	101	885	11.1
'69-70	Atlanta	81	1603	661	286	.433	113	88	.779	397	63	660	8.1
TOTALS		161	3785	1624	686	.422	244	173	.709	1108	164	1545	9.6

PLAYOFFS

'69-70	Atlanta	7	67	21	6	.286	0	4	.667	17	2	16	2.3

SOUTH CAROLINA RECORD

SEASON	GP	FG	FT	Reb.	Points	Avg.
'64-65	9	64	22	104	150	16.7
'66-67	23	126	48	305	300	13.0
'67-68	22	169	55	269	393	17.9

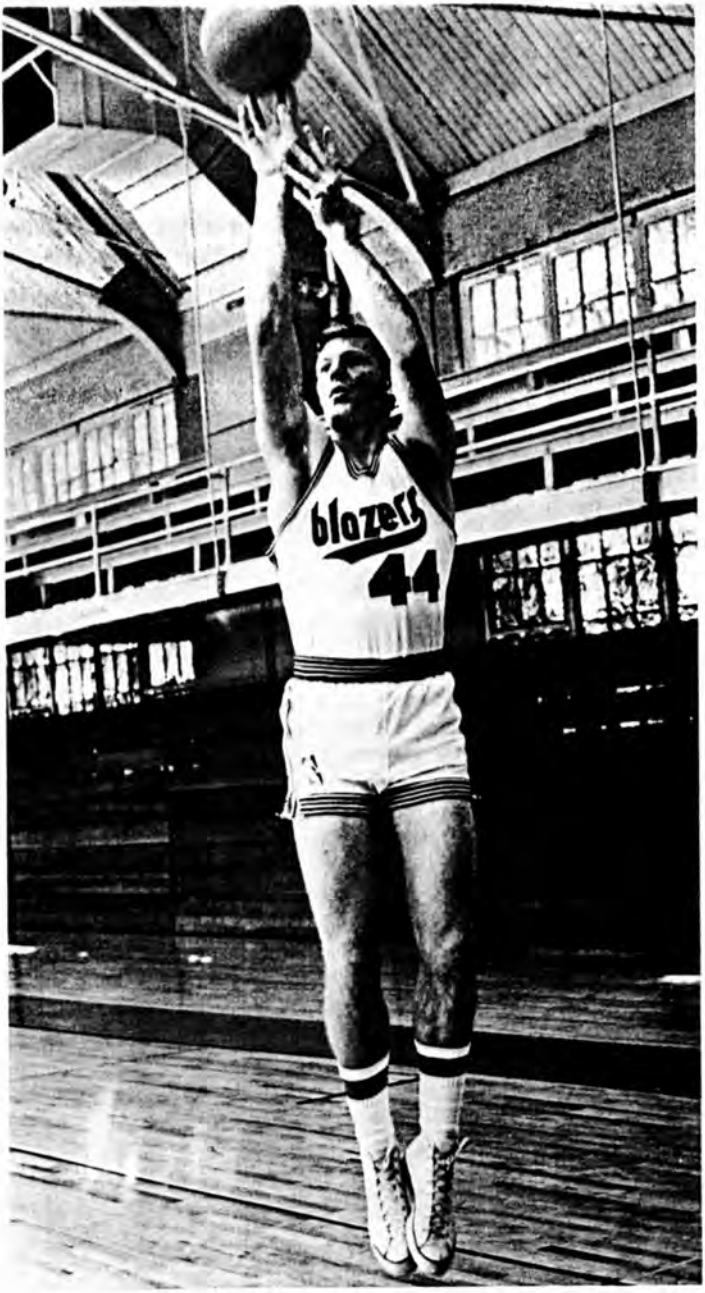
NOTES

Professional Career — No. 1 collegiate draft choice of Phoenix in 1968 . . . scored 385 points in 80 games in first pro campaign for 11.1 average and was named to NBA All-Rookie team . . . as rookie averaged in double figures against seven opponents and was best against Atlanta (15.3) and New York (13.8) . . . top single-game performance as rookie was 26 points against Atlanta and was in double figures 41 times . . . traded by Phoenix to Atlanta for Paul Silas after 1969 season . . . last year scored NBA career high of 29 points against Baltimore on Nov. 1, 1969 . . . other top performances included 22 points against both Los Angeles and Cincinnati and 20 against Philadelphia . . . was in double figures 31 times last season.

College Career — Averaged 15.6 points a game in two and one-half seasons at South Carolina . . . as senior on team with 15-7 record Gregor hit 169 of 316 from field for .535 percentage, best record on team . . . hit 14 of 20 field goal attempts in one game against Clemson . . . set a school record of 35 rebounds in one game as a junior when he was rebounding champion of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Says Stu Inman, Director of Player Personnel: "We see Gregor as a player who both can play a key role on this year's team and who has the potential to be an established star over a long period of time."

(Note: Gregor missed first half of season with injuries.)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SHALER HALIMON

Forward No. 11

Born March 30, 1945 6-6 199 Utah State '68

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'69-70	Chic.	38	517	244	96	.393	73	49	.671	68	69	241	6.3
'68-69	Phil.	50	350	196	88	.449	32	10	.313	86	18	186	3.7
TOTALS		88	867	440	184	.418	105	59	.562	154	77	427	4.9

PLAYOFFS

'69-70	Phil.	1	2	2	1	.500	0	0	.000	0	0	2	2.0
'69-70	Chic.	5	106	61	21	.344	3	2	.667	20	18	44	8.8
TOTALS		6	108	63	22	.349	3	2	.677	20	18	46	7.7

When Shaler Halimon completed his collegiate eligibility at Utah State, he ranked as the third all-time scoring leader at the basketball oriented school. And this with playing only two years of varsity competition.

Also in that final year of action he ranked as the No. 8 leading scorer in the nation.

Little wonder that the Philadelphia 76ers selected Halimon as their No. 1 draft choice that year.

Halimon made the choice look great during that first year as in one ball game — against the best basketball competition around —— he scored 23 points in one contest.

Then Halimon ran into one of those problems that rookies have in the NBA, trying to obtain playing time. He played in 50 games but saw only 350 minutes of action. Still he managed to average 3.7 points per game in that litle of playing action.

When, earlier this year, the Blazers lost Gary Gregor to injury, the need for a forward arose. Portland earlier had been interested in obtaining Halimon from the Chicago Bulls, a club that also had been interested in his talents and obtained Halimon from the 76ers.

Inquiries revealed that Halimon could be obtained — but the price was a future No. 2 draft choice. No hesitation, Halimon was on his way to Portland.

"We felt we couldn't pass him up. With his jumping ability and quickness we knew he could help the Trail Blazers. And he'll score some points for us, too," said Rolland Todd, the Blazers' coach.

Perhaps Todd had noticed Halimon's playoff record with the Bulls last year.

In five playoff games last year, Halimon averaged 8.8 points per game against the tough Atlanta Hawks, hauled down 20 rebounds and had 18 assists.

"He'll help us," says Todd.

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RON KNIGHT

Forward No. 38

Born August 4, 1947 6-7 210 Los Angeles State '70

COLLEGE RECORD

SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
'67-68	23	184	375	.491	108	186	.582	351	76	476	20.6
'68-69	20	191	407	.470	104	180	.576	286	52	486	24.3
'69-70	21	176	404	.436	82	138	.595	256	62	434	20.7
TOTAL	64	551	1186	.466	294	504	.584	893	190	1396	21.9

When the Portland Trail Blazers broke fall training camp at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Coach Rolland Todd was pleased.

And one of the reasons was 6-7, 210-pound Ron Knight, Portland's No. 5 draft choice out of Los Angeles State.

"Without a doubt," he said, "Knight showed me something in camp. He was the most improved player we had during those tough sessions out there."

Knight could score. There was not much doubt about that after perusing his collegiate record at LA State. As a sophomore, Knight averaged 20.6 points per game and upped that to a 24.3 mark during his junior year.

As a senior, playing part of the year injured, he scored 20.7 points per game and that included a superlative 29 points and 18 rebounds against tough, basketball-minded Drake University

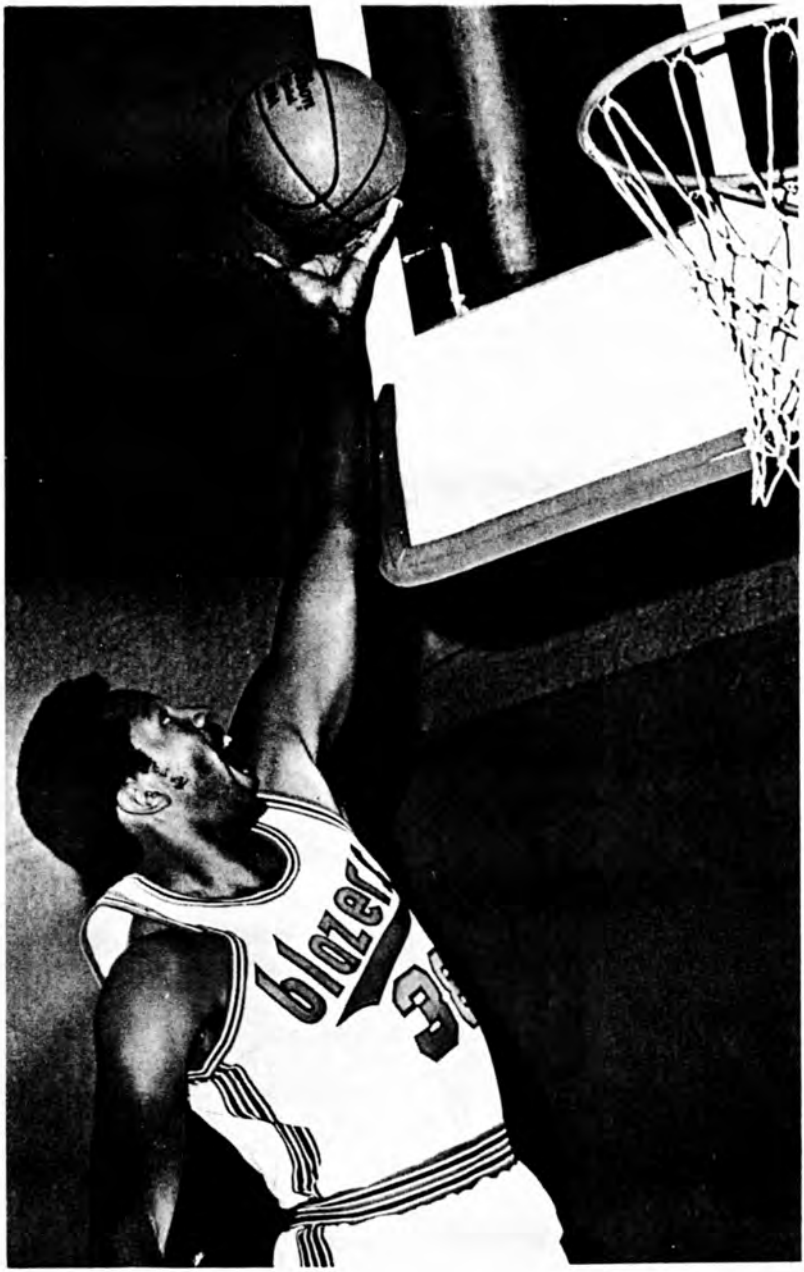
For his three-year career at LA State, Knight used his size to gather 893 rebounds for an almost 14 rebounds per game average.

"He'll score some points for us," says Todd, "and as soon as he's exposed a little bit more to these NBA clubs, he'll play tough on defense, too. He's got size and he's not afraid of a little action under those boards."

Todd also likes Knight's ability to hit from the corners. "He shoots well from there and that'll help take some of the pressure off the middle when the occasion demands," he stated.

Knight's ability to score, his talent for rebounding and his hustle and defense makes him one more added asset to Portland's bid in the National Basketball Association.

And nothing would make Knight any happier, than to add to that top collegiate record he established at Los Angles State.



ED MANNING

Forward No. 35

Born January 2, 1944 6-7½ 215 Jackson State (Miss.) '67

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'67-68	Balt.	71	951	259	112	.432	99	60	.606	375	32	284	4.0
'68-69	Balt.	63	727	288	129	.448	54	35	.648	246	21	293	4.7
'69-70	Bal-Ch	67	777	321	119	.371	56	42	.750	232	36	280	4.2
TOTALS		201	2455	868	360	.414	209	137	.656	853	89	857	4.3

PLAYOFFS

'68-69	Balt.	4	63	18	7	.389	0	0	.000	23	1	14	3.5
'69-70	Chic.	2	29	10	5	.500	2	1	.500	9	3	11	2.2
TOTALS		6	92	28	12	.429	2	2	.500	32	4	25	4.2

JACKSON STATE COLLEGE RECORD

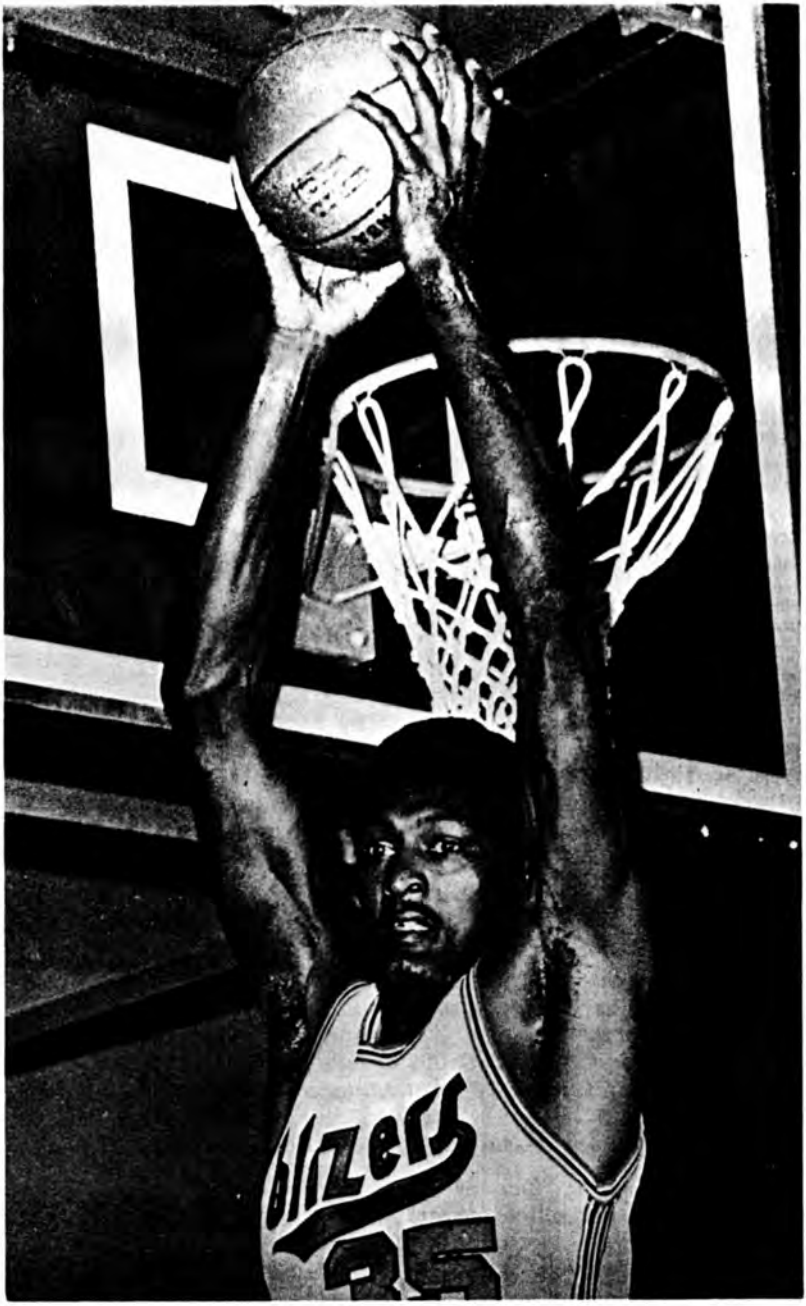
SEASON	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FHM	Pct.	Reb.	Pts.	Avg.
'63-64	150	76	.506	68	49	.720	201	201	10.2
'64-65	256	166	.648	103	76	.738	350	408	15.3
'65-66	477	242	.508	188	124	.660	507	608	19.6
'66-67	382	201	.526	176	136	.772	367	538	18.5

NOTES

Professional Career — Single-game career high in NBA regular-season play is 19 points, scored against Philadelphia on March 15, 1968 . . . single-game high in rebounds is 21 . . . career high for NBA playoff game is 8 points . . . in hottest stretch of 1969-70 he scored 53 points in six games in January with Chicago after being traded by Baltimore . . . conceded only outside chance of sticking with Baltimore as a rookie, but Coach Gene Shue called him "the most improved shooter on our squad by the time the season ended."

College Career — Named to NCAA all-tournament team in college division as a junior . . . named Most Valuable Player in the Georgia Invitational Tournament as a senior . . . twice won all conference honors . . . shot hot .541 from field during four-year college career . . . averaged 15.7 points a game for four years.

Says Coach Rolland Todd: "Very quick. One of the five or six best defensive forwards in the National Basketball Association."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STAN McKENZIE

Guard No. 40

Born Oct. 6, 1944 6-5 210 NYU '66

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	SGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'67-68	Balt.	50	653	182	73	.401	88	58	.659	121	24	204	4.1
'68-69	Phnx.	80	1569	618	264	.427	287	219	.763	251	123	747	9.3
'69-70	Phnx.	58	525	206	81	.393	73	58	.795	93	52	220	3.8
TOTALS		188	2747	1006	418	.416	448	335	.748	465	199	1171	6.2

PLAYOFFS

'69-70	Phnx.	7	71	29	8	.276	5	4	.800	9	3	16	2.3

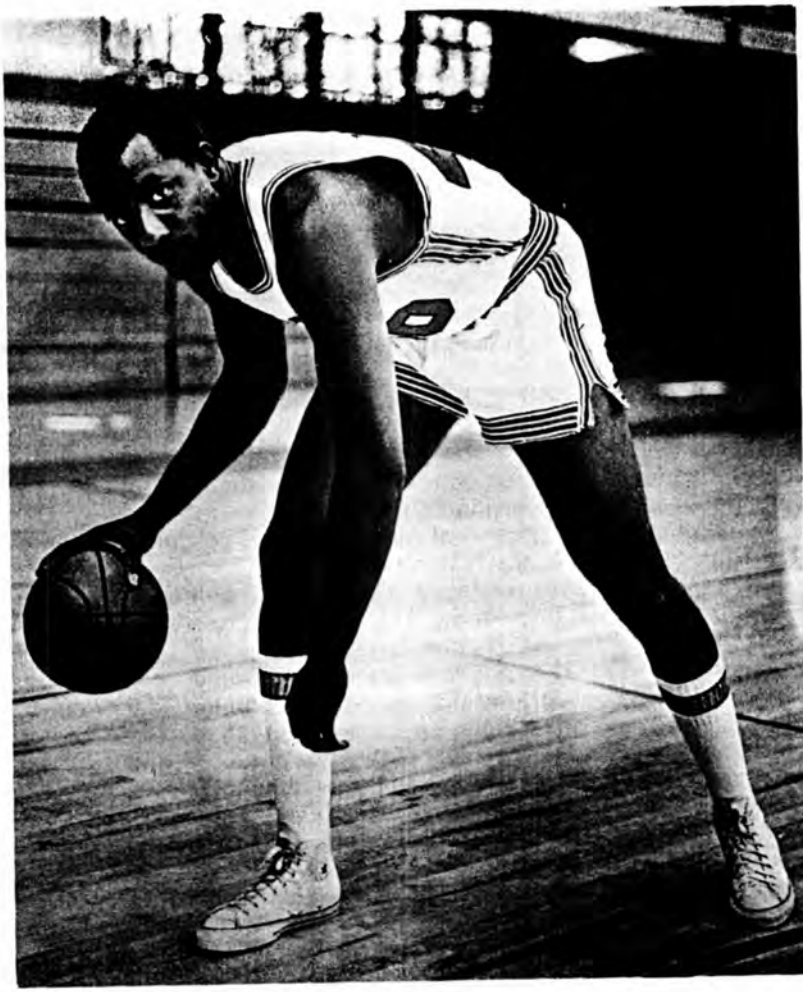
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY RECORD

SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Points	Ave.
1963-64	27	146	63	.432	83	59	.711	185	6.9
1964-65	26	409	184	.450	153	117	.765	485	18.7
1965-66	28	447	209	.467	237	175	.739	593	21.2
TOTALS	81	922	456	.459	473	351	.742	1263	15.6

Professional Career — Obtained by Phoenix from Baltimore in expansion draft of 1968 and by Portland from Phoenix in expansion draft of 1970 . . . set National Basketball Association record last year by attempting 16 free throws in one quarter in Philadelphia on Feb. 15, 1970 . . . he hit on 13 of the attempts . . . owns Phoenix record for consecutive free throws made, 35, and led club in free-throw accuracy in 1968-69 with percentage of .763 . . . was injured much of last season . . . scored in double figures against four opponents a year earlier.

College Career — Led New York University in scoring as a junior and was second as a senior . . . wound up as fifth-highest scorer in school's history . . . top single-game efforts as senior included 37 points against South Carolina and 34 against Boston College . . . was star for NYU in National Invitation Tournaments in both 1965 and 1966 . . . his team lost in finals in '66 despite 27 points by McKenzie who scored 19 of his team's last 23 points.

Says Stu Inman: "One of the smarter, headier players in the league. Makes the other players look smart. The type who can ignite other players. Not overpowering but a complete player who takes a challenge well."



GEOFFREY PETRIE

Guard No. 45

Born April 17, 1948 6-4 190 Princeton '70

COLLEGE RECORD

SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	PF	Pts.	Avg.
'67-68	26	302	131	.434	98	73	.745	117	74	335	12.9
'68-69	26	475	216	.455	146	109	.747	149	74	541	20.8
'69-70	20	397	183	.461	102	79	.775	120	49	445	22.3

When the name of Geoffrey Petrie is mentioned, even such a basketball veteran as Stu Inman, director of player personnel for the Portland Trail Blazers, gets downright excited.

Petrie from Princeton, of course, was Portland's top collegiate draft choice.

"We think he could go with an established National Basketball team and start," says Inman of Petrie, a 6-4, 190-pound guard with all the moves.

"We have a premier pick," says Inman. "He's a floor leader. He's intelligent. And he's a shooter. He does it all."

"You have to like his shooting,' says Inman. "He can shoot with the defense right on him. And even when he misses, he looks good — like Ted Williams striking out."

So what's the background of his 22-year-old product of Springfield High School in Pennsylvania?

At Princeton, Petrie averaged 13 points a game as a sophomore. As a junior he led the Ivy League in scoring with 541 points in 26 games for a 20.8 average. And he increased his scoring average to 22.3 points a game as a senior.

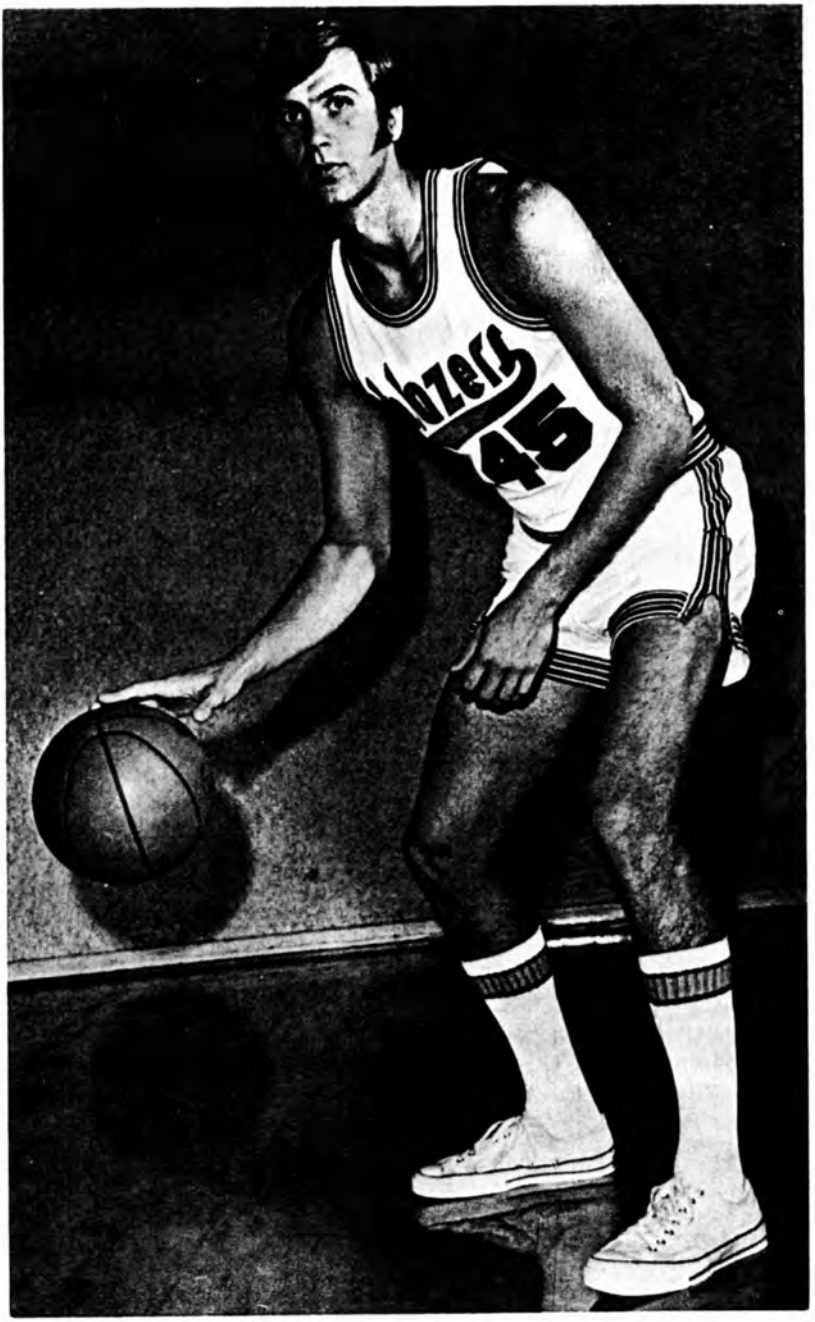
His career record at Princeton shows 1,321 points in 72 games from a 17.0 average. He hit on better than 45 per cent of his shots from the court — extremely high for a guard — and dropped better than 75 per cent of his free-throw attempts.

In one game which Inman watched last season, Petrie "hit his first 11 shots in a row, missed a pair and then hit five more in a row."

Princeton last season dropped a one-point decision (76-75) to national champion UCLA. Petrie? He hit 11 field goals and was six-for-six from the foul line to total 28 points — high for either team in the game.

The selection of Petrie by Portland delighted the young potential NBA star.

"The best news of the year for me," he said. "I know I'll like Portland. I was there two years ago for the Far West Classic and I was impressed with the people."



DALE SCHLUETER

Center No. 54

Born November 12, 1945 6-10 226 Colorado State '67

NBA RECORD

SEASON	TEAM	GP	MIN.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Ast.	Pts.	Avg.
'68-69	SF	31	559	157	68	.433	82	45	.549	216	30	181	5.8
'69-70	SF	63	685	167	82	.491	97	60	.619	231	25	224	3.6
TOTALS		94	1244	324	150	.463	179	105	.587	447	55	405	4.3

PLAYOFFS

'68-69	SF	3	25	9	3	.333	15	7	.467	22	1	13	4.3

COLORADO STATE RECORD

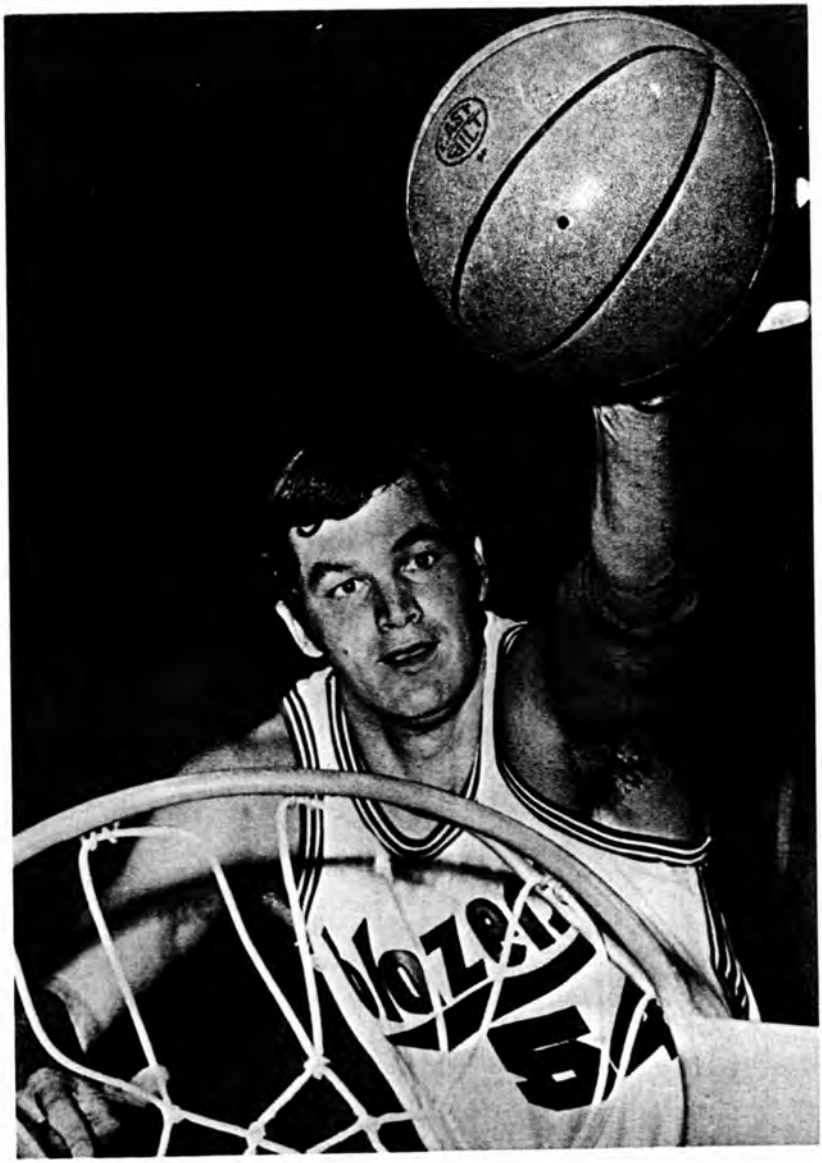
SEASON	GP	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Reb.	Pts.	Avg.
'64-65	21	37	24	.649	21	6	.286	70	54	2.6
'65-66	21	120	21	.592	79	52	.658	168	194	9.2
'66-67	21	93	51	.584	45	26	.578	117	128	6.1
TOTALS	63	250	146	.584	145	84	.579	355	376	6.0

NOTES

Professional Career — Sixth-round collegiate draft choice of San Francisco in 1967 . . . shoulder separation suffered in fall camp knocked him out of action during entire 1967-68 season . . . best single game performances in NBA are 18 points and 22 rebounds . . . accurate shooter who hit 43.3 per cent from field in 1968-69 and 49.1 per cent in 1969-70 . . . last season snared 231 rebounds in only 685 minutes of playing time for average of one rebound for every 2.97 minutes of action . . . Lew Alcindor, for comparison, also averaged one rebound for every 2.97 minutes of action.

College Career — In three seasons at Colorado State Schlueter distinguished himself with sizzling shooting percentages of .649 as a sophomore, .592 as a junior and .548 as a senior . . . his career average from the floor was .584 . . . Colorado State team lost to Houston in NCAA regional playoffs.

Says Coach Rolland Todd: "He could hurt you just walking through a crowded room. All elbows and kneecaps and fingernails and toenails. We feel he can be very effective for short periods of time."



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Leo Marty joined the Portland Trail Blazers as trainer after six years as trainer at the University of Washington. He earlier was a trainer at the University of California. He is a graduate of Whitworth College and is secretary-treasurer of the Pacific Coast Athletic Trainers.

1970-71 Portland Schedule

HOME	AWAY
Oct. 16 Cleveland	Oct. 23 Seattle
Oct. 18 Boston (7 p.m.)	Oct. 24 San Francisco
Oct. 20 Cleveland	Nov. 11 Phoenix
Oct. 25 Chicago (7 p.m.)	Nov. 21 Buffalo at Seattle
Oct. 27 Buffalo	Nov. 24 Baltimore
Oct. 30 Seattle	Nov.25 Boston
Oct. 31 Buffalo	Nov. 27 Cleveland
Nov. 3 Los Angeles	Nov. 28 Buffalo
Nov. 5 Baltimore	Nov. 29 Milwaukee
Nov. 6 San Francisco	Dec. 6 Los Angeles
Nov. 8 New York (7 p.m.)	Dec. 8 New York
Nov. 10 Cincinnati	Dec. 9 Cleveland
Nov. 12 Cleveland (8:30 p.m.)	Dec. 11 Buffalo
Nov. 14 Cleveland	Dec. 12 Atlanta
Nov. 16 San Diego	Dec. 18 San Francisco at S. D.
Nov. 17 Buffalo	Dec. 19 San Diego at S. F.
Nov. 18 Atlanta	Dec. 26 Phoenix
Nov. 22 Milwaukee (7 p.m.)	Jan. 1 Seattle
Dec. 1 San Diego	Jan. 4 Cleveland
Dec. 4 Phoenix	Jan. 5 Boston at Philadelphia
Dec. 15 Detroit	Jan. 6 Cincinnati
Dec. 20 Philadelphia (7 p.m.)	Jan. 8 Chicogo
Dec. 27 Boston (7 p.m.)	Jan. 14 Buffalo at Rochester
Jan. 2 Chicago	Jan. 19 Chicago
Jan. 9 New York	Jan. 20 Buffalo
Jan. 29 Phoenix	Jan. 22 Detroit
Feb. 2 Milwaukee	Jan. 23 Milwaukee
Feb. 4 Atlanta	Jan. 24 Buffalo
Feb. 5 San Francisco	Jan. 27 Cleveland
Feb. 7 Cleveland	Jan. 31 Los Angeles
Feb. 12 Seattle	Feb. 17 Seattle
Feb. 16 Cincinnati at Eugene, Ore.	Feb. 23 Philadelphia
Feb. 18 Los Angeles	Feb. 24 Atlanta
Feb. 20 Philadelphia	Feb. 26 Baltimore
Feb. 21 Cleveland (7 p.m.)	Feb. 27 New York
Mar. 8 Buffalo	Mar. 2 Detroit
Mar. 11 Baltimore	Mar. 3 Philadelphia at Boston
Mar. 12 Detroit	Mar. 5 Cincinnati at Omaha
Mar. 14 Buffalo (2 p.m.)	Mar. 7 San Diego
Mar. 19 Seattle	Mar. 20 Buffalo
	Mar. 21 Cleveland
	Mar. 23 Cleveland